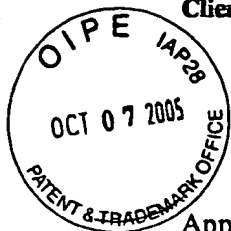


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

OK to enter, HN, 10/26/05
Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 29, 2005, allowing Claims 13-22 and 34-44, rejecting Claims 1-6, 8-12, and 23-33, and objecting to Claim 7 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-44 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance (requiring no further search) and respectfully request such action.